

# Adventure



## A Romance of The South Seas

BY  
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### CHAPTER XV.

NEWS OF JOAN.

**A** WEEK after the Upolu's departure the Malakula dropped anchor, and her skipper came ashore for a game of billiards and to shock Sheldon with the little surprise born of information he was bringing with him.

Captain Auckland played the billiards first, and it was not until he was comfortably seated in a steamer chair, his second whisky securely in his hand, that he let off his bomb.

"A great piece that Miss Lackland of yours," he chuckled. "Claims to be a part owner of Beranda. Says she's your partner. Is that straight?"

Sheldon nodded coldly. "You don't say? That is a surprise! Well, she hasn't convinced Guvutu or Tulagi of it. They're pretty used to irregular things over there, but—ha! ha!"

"There is nothing irregular about it. It is an ordinary business transaction." Sheldon strove to act as though such transactions were quite the commonplace thing on plantations in the Solomons. "She invested something like \$1,500 in Beranda."

"So she said."

"And she has gone to Sydney on business for the plantation."

"Oh, no, she hasn't."

"But didn't the Upolu sail?"

"The Upolu sailed all right." Captain Auckland sipped his whisky with provoking slowness, "only Miss Lackland wasn't a passenger."

"Then where is she?"

"At Guvutu last I saw of her. She was going to Sydney to buy a schooner, wasn't she?"

"Yes, yes."

"That's what she said. Well, she's bought one, though I wouldn't give

her 10 shillings for it if a nor'wester blows up, and it's about time we had one."

"What schooner? Where is it? How did she happen to buy it?"

"First, the schooner Martha." the skipper answered, checking his replies off on his fingers; "second, the Martha is on the outside reef at Poonga-Poonga, loaded clean of everything portable and ready to go to pieces with the first bit of lively sea, and, third, Miss Lackland bought her at auction."

She was knocked down to her for \$5 quid by the third assistant resident commissioner. I ought to know. I bid \$5 myself for Morgan and Raff. My word, weren't they hot!"

"Twenty," says I for my bid. Twenty-five," says the little girl. "Thirty," says I. "Forty," says she. "Fifty," says I. "Fifty-five," says she. And there I was stuck. "Hold on," says I; "wait till I see my owners. No, you don't," says she. "It's customary," says I. "Not anywhere in the world," says she. "Then it's customary in the Solomons," says I. And then she smiles at Burnett as well—you know, one of those fetching smiles, and damme if Burnett doesn't begin singing out, "Goin', goin', goin'—last bid—goin', goin' for 55 sovereigns—goin', goin', gone—to you, Miss—er—what name, please?"

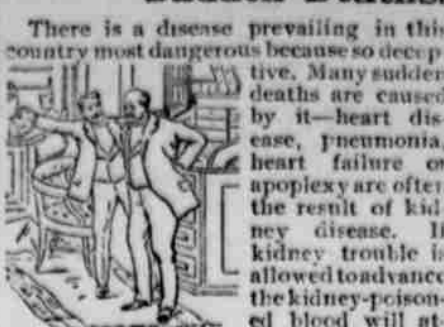
"Joan Lackland," says she with a smile to me, and that's how she bought the Martha."

Sheldon experienced a sudden thrill. The Martha, a finer schooner than the Malakula and, for that matter, the finest in the Solomons—she was just the thing for recruits, and she was right on the spot. Then he realized that for such a craft to sell at auction for \$55 meant that there was small chance for saving her.

"But how did it happen?" he asked.

"Weren't they rather quick in selling

## The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.



There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. It is called sudden death. It is caused by heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure, or apoplexy after the result of kidney trouble. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone.

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ing around by Savo and the upper end of Guadalcanar. But it was no use. "Both the charge," said she. "You take the horses like a good man, and when I float the Martha I'll return the service some day."

"And 'batter your orders,' said she to me, Oleson cried. 'I'm your boss now, said she, and you take your orders from me.' Look at the load of ivory nuts, I said. 'Both the charge,' said she. 'I'm playin' for something bigger than ivory nuts. We'll dump them overseas as soon as we get under way. What I want to know is she your partner or ain't she? That's what I want to know."

"She is," Sheldon assured him. "Well, who'd have believed it! I've seen a few unlikely things in these Solomons—rats two feet long, butter flies the commissioner hunts with a shotgun, ear ornaments that would shame the devil and head hunting devils that make the devil look like an angel. I've seen them and got used to them, but this young woman of yours—"

"Miss Lackland is my partner and part owner of Beranda," Sheldon interrupted.

"So she said," the irate skipper dashed on. "But she had no papers to show for it. How was I to know? And then she's hired them drunken loafers, three of the worst scoundrels that ever disgraced the Solomons—15 quid a month each—what d'ye think of that? And sailed away with them too! Phew! You might give me a drink. The missionary won't mind. I've been on his teetotal hooker four days now, and I'm perishing."

Dr. Welshmore nodded in reply to Sheldon's look of inquiry, and Viaburi was dispatched for the whisky and siphons.

"It is evident, Captain Oleson," Sheldon remarked to that refreshed manner, "that Miss Lackland has run away with your boat. Now please give a plain statement of what occurred."

"Tight O. Here goes. I'd just come in on the Filiberty. She was on board before I dropped the book—in that whaleboat of hers with her gang of Tahiti beathens, that big Adamu Adam and the rest. 'Don't drop the anchor, Captain Oleson, she sang out. 'I want you to get under way to Poonga-Poonga.' I says, 'Excuse me, Miss Lackland, and yells forward 'Lei go!'"

"And then we had it out. I didn't believe her. I didn't think you'd take her on as a partner, and I told her as much and wanted proof. She got high and mighty, and I told her I was old enough to be her grandfather and that I wouldn't take gammon from a child like her. And then I ordered her off the Filiberty. 'Captain Oleson, she says, sweet as you please, 'I've a few minutes to spare on you, and I've got some good whisky over on the Emily. Come on along. Besides, I want your advice about this wrecking business. Everybody says you're a crackerjack sailorman—that's what she said 'crackerjack. And I went in her whaleboat, Adamu Adam steering and looking as solemn as a funeral."

"On the way she told me about the Martha and how she'd bought her and was going to float her. She said she'd chartered the Emily and was sailing as soon as I could get the Filiberty under way. I was to sail direct for Poonga-Poonga and if I couldn't take her word that she was your partner she'd get along without me and the Filiberty. And right there's where she fooled me."

"Down in the Emily's cabin was them three soaks—you know them—Fowler and Curtis and that Brabus chap. 'Have a drink, says she. I thought they looked surprised when she unlocked the whisky locker and sent a nigger for the glasses and water monkey. But she must have tipped them off unbeknownst to me, and they knew just what to do. 'Excuse me,' she says; 'I'm going on deck a minute.' Now, that minute was half an hour. I hadn't had a drink in ten days."

"Well, anyway, at the end of the half hour down she came again and took a good squint at me. 'That'll do nicely, I remembered her saying, and

with that she took the whisky bottles and have them overseas through the companionway. 'That's the last,' she said to the three soaks, 'till the Martha floats and you're back in Gvutu. It'll be a long time between drinks. And then she laughed."

"She looked at me and said—not to me, mind you, but to the soaks: 'It's time this worthy man went ashore—me. Worthy man. 'Fowler, she said. 'Just tell Adamu Adam to man the whaleboat, and while he's taking Captain Oleson ashore have your boat put me on the Filiberty. The three of you sail with me, so pack your dunnage. All hands got me over the side, and it seems to me I went to sleep sitting in the stern sheets and watching that Adamu steer. Then I saw the Filiberty's mainsail hoisting and heard the clank of her chain coming in, and I woke up. 'Here, put me on the Filiberty,' I said to Adamu. 'I put you on the beach, said he. 'Missie Lackland says beach plenty good for you. And now I've come to find out whether I'm skipper of the Filiberty or that chit of yours with her pirating heathen boat's crew."

"Never mind, skipper. You can take a vacation on pay," Sheldon spoke with more assurance than he felt. "If Miss Lackland, who is my partner has seen fit to take charge of the Filiberty Gibbet, why, it is all right. As you will agree, there was no time to be lost if the Martha was to be got off. It is a bad reef, and any considerable sea would knock her bottom out. You settle down here, skipper, and rest up and get the fever out of your bones. When the Filiberty Gibbet comes back you'll take charge again, of course."

To be continued

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Breckenridge Circuit Court, Kentucky. S. B. Bell, et al., Plaintiff. Equity No. 3391. Against America Bell, et al., Defendant.

By virtue of a judgement and order of sale of Breckenridge Circuit Court, rendered at October Term thereof, 1911, in the above cause, for the sale of the hereinafter described real estate and all costs herein, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court House door in Hardinsburg, to the highest bidder, at Public Auction, on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1912, at one o'clock P. M., or thereabout (being County Court day), upon a credit of six and twelve months, the following described property, to wit: A certain tract of land, lying and being in the County of Breckenridge, State of Kentucky, in Hardinsburg and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak of Thomas O'Connell's corner near a tobacco barn; running thence S. 19. W. 113 poles to a small hickory dog wood and black oak near Mrs. Burbage's fence; thence with the fence S. 74 1/2. W. 37 poles to a rock at the mouth of a lane; thence N. 43. W. 167 poles to two hickories, Dressers corner; thence with his line N. 40 poles to a chestnut in a field thence with another of his lines E. 26 poles to a stick in a field; thence with another line N. 4. E. 140 poles to two white oaks near a pond of rock O'Connell's corner; thence with his line S. 64 1/2. E. 210 poles to the beginning, containing 176 1/2 acres, more or less. Said property was decided to said Nancy Bell by deed dated October 21st, 1883, from Nannie W. Hensley; which deed is recorded in Deed Book No. 39 and Page No. 535 thereof in the Breckenridge County Court Clerk's office.

The purchaser, with approved surety or securities, must execute bond, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a replevin bond. Lein retained to secure payment of purchase money. Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

Lee Walls, Commissioner.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Breckenridge Circuit Court, Kentucky. Chas. Hamman, Adm'r, Plaintiff. Equity No. 3391. Against Cassie Mullen, &c., Defendant.

By virtue of a judgement and order of sale of Breckenridge Circuit Court, rendered at May term thereof, 1911, in the above cause, for the sale of the hereinafter described real estate, and all costs herein, I shall proceed to offer for sale at Fisher's corner in Cloverport, Ky., to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Saturday, the 27 day of January, 1912, at one o'clock, p. m., or thereabout, (being day advertised for sale of said property), six and twelve months; the following described property, to wit: A certain tract of land lying on the waters of Tar Creek in Breckenridge county, and bounded as follows: Beginning at two sycamores and black walnut on the bank of the creek on the lower side of the fork and lower side of the mouth of a branch, and running with general course of said branch S. 72 W. 22 poles, thence N. 46 W. 26 poles, thence N. 85 W. 30 poles to a stake in a field (stake gone), thence S. 29 W. 86 poles to a white oak and spanish oak on the east side of a branch, thence S. E. 16 poles to a stone formerly a white oak beech and sugar tree in the original west line, thence S. 42 W. 115 poles to a stone, formerly a white oak beech and sugar tree in the original west May patent line, thence S. 1 1/2 W. 170 poles to a stone set in a large white oak stump, the most southerly corner of the Mm. May Patent, thence with a line of said May Patent S. 88 1/2 E. 273 poles to a large stone, said to have been placed by commissioners of Wm. Mullen formerly a stake with pointers on a barren point 42 poles west of the original aforesaid Wm. May Patent corner, N and S line, spanish oak and two dogwoods, thence with said commissioners line at the foot of a hill near an old road, thence S. 52 W. 12 poles to a hickory, thence S. 77 W. 4 poles to a stake, formerly a small elm and walnut on the east bank of Tar Fork Creek, thence down Tar Creek as it meanders and binding thereon about 125 poles to the beginning, containing 435 acres, more or less. Said land will be first offered in 3 separate tracts, then as a whole.

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